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ACCORDING ETHIOPIAN COFFEE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (NOW RENAMED ETHIOPIAN COFFEE AND HARICOT BEANS EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION), "GENEROUS ESTIMATE" OF THIS YEAR'S COFFEE EXPORTS WILL BE 60 - 65,000 METRIC TONS, DOWN 21.7 PERCENT FROM 83,000 METRIC TONS OF COFFEE EXPORTS DURING 1972/73 SEASON. ALTHOUGH NATIONAL COFFEE BOARD GENERAL MANAGER ASNAKE GETACHEW CONCURS IN ASSOCIATION'S ESTIMATE OF TOTAL EXPORT VOLUME, HE CLAIMS PRODUCTION IS OFF AT LEAST 40 PERCENT (SEE REFTEL). LATTER FIGURE GENERALLY CORRESPONDS WITH ASSOCIATION REPORT THAT COFFEE PRODUCTION IN HARARGHE PROVINCE (MOST DROUGHT-AFFECTED OF ETHIOPIA'S COFFEE PRODUCING REGIONS) FELL FROM 7,000 METRIC TONS IN 1972/73 TO 4,500 METRIC TONS THIS COFFEE SEASON (DECLINE OF 35.7 PERCENT). ASSOCIATION SPOKESMAN NOTED MAINTENANCE FAVORABLE PRICES AND SAID "WE MAY HAVE RECOVERED IN PRICE WHAT WE HAVE LOST IN VOLUME". HE ALSO REPORTED THAT NINETY PERCENT OF ALL COFFEE EXPORTERS ARE NOW ENGAGED IN HARICOT BEAN TRADE.

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